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STARK, LEVIN CRITICIZE REPUBLICANS' EMPTY HEALTH REFORM RESOLUTION

Today's Vote Continues Republican Record of Gutting Patient Protections

WASHINGTON- Ways and Means Health Subcommittee Ranking Member Pete Stark (D-CA) and Committee Ranking Member Sander Levin (D-MI) today criticized Republicans' ongoing effort to gut health care benefits for American families. Yesterday, Republicans pushed through a repeal bill and today have followed that with an empty resolution. The entire effort is designed to take away benefits already in place and return power to health insurers.

Rep. Stark: **"This resolution is meaningless. There is no requirement that the committees have to pass any legislation. There is no date by which committees have to pass legislation. Of the 12 goals it sets, it is drafted so that committees only have to meet one. If Republicans were actually interested in making law that meets not just one, but all of their principles, they wouldn't have voted yesterday to repeal the health reform law."**

Rep. Levin: **"This rescission agenda is built around gutting benefits for millions of Americans. Republicans have made it clear that they want to take away benefits for families throughout this country and hand back power to health insurers. They will not succeed. At every step, we will be highlighting the real stories about the millions of American families already benefiting from this law. We are on the offensive and getting out the real facts about reform. Families don't want us to turn our health care system back over to insurance companies. Instead of turning back the clock on health care reform, we should be zeroing in on job creation."**

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